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The event honored the late Sister Mary Geraldine, the co-founder of the Center for Family Life, whose public service work in Sunset Park was noted as invaluable; Bay Ridge resident and merchant Greg Ahl of Ahl-Tone Communications, as a local business leader; and Robert Walsh, the senior vice president of Lutheran Medical Center, as a community leader.

Honorees also included Rep. Nydia Velazquez and Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, who were credited for their community work by Borough President Marty Markowitz (left, with Ortiz), who presented both with citations.

At far left, state Sen. Seymour Lachman addresses the crowd. — Heather J. Wilson

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Mugged leaving friend's First St. house

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

A 28-year-old woman was attacked Sept. 22 outside a friend's house on First Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

The victim had left the building shortly before 1 a.m., when

two people, one identified as a man, grabbed her from behind and punched her in the face. They then snatched her purse and ran.

She hits cop

Officers investigating an assault report got caught up in a scuffle of their own on Fifth Avenue at Third Street on Sept. 20.

According to police, at around 6:20 p.m., they arrived on the scene and a 51-year-old woman began to yell at one of the officers. When they asked her to leave, she tried to escort her away from the disturbance, she allegedly struck one of the cops. She then flailed her arms, cops said, to avoid being handcuffed.

The woman was taken into custody and charged with assaulting a police officer.

McDonald's rob

Armed men tied up four employees at the McDonald's on Fourth Avenue near First Street Tuesday evening, Sept. 17. No one was injured in the robbery in which an unknown amount of money was taken, police said.

Four men took part in the robbery, three of whom displayed guns, according to a police spokesman.

Midday burglar

A woman's apartment on Third Avenue, between Eighth and Ninth streets, was robbed after the resident went on a brief three-hour excursion.

The victim, 30, left her home at around 11 a.m. on Sept. 20, and returned a few hours later to find the apartment in disarray. Police believe the thief may have entered through the window.

A complete list of stolen items was not included in the police report.

Stolen guitar

A rubber broke in through a woman's window and made off with her guitar on Sept. 20.

The victim, 48, left her home to go shopping at around 2 p.m., and returned four hours later, during which time the thief broke into her apartment, on 11th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

Sucked up

A woman's purse was swept up out of her car while she vacuumed the vehicle at a gas station on Fourth Avenue between Sackett and Union streets.

The victim told police that while she was cleaning her car, at around noon on Sept. 18, she saw a blonde man and woman, both in their 30s, nearby. When she went to the rear of the vehicle to vacuum her trunk, she lost sight of the bag.

When she returned to the front of her car, she said, the bag and the couple were gone.

Their car was described as a maroon Toyota that took off east on Sackett Street. The victim reportedly lost her credit cards, \$100 and a heart rate monitor.

Stabs hubby

A 50-year-old woman was arrested after she allegedly stabbed her common-law husband in the neck on Sept. 17.

The victim, 37, suffered a punctured liver and gallbladder and was treated at Lutheran Medical Center in Sunset Park.

According to police, the dispute occurred at their home on Seventh Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues at around 10 p.m.

Makes tracks

A woman returned to her apartment on Fifth Avenue, between Garfield Place and First Street, to find her home had been broken into by a burglar who didn't wipe his feet.

The victim, 41, left her home at around 8 a.m. and returned at around 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. Though the window was shut it was left unlocked, according to police, and the thief apparently climbed the fire escape to get into the apartment.

The victim returned home and noticed footprints on her windowsill and her laptop computer, reportedly valued at \$1,800, gone.

Bomb-threat

A tax preparation business on 13th Avenue at 74th Street was robbed around 3:15 p.m. on Sept. 20 by a man who approached an employee and passed over a note demanding money and threatening that he had a bomb.

Police said the woman, 54, complied and gave the assailant \$3,300. With money in hand, the man fled on foot, westbound on 13th Avenue.

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Police recovered the note he handed to the woman and a practice note he had written.

No injuries were reported. The robbery is still under investigation.

Clubs kid

A man got out of his car and whacked a 16-year-old boy in the head with a metal anti-theft device at Ridge Boulevard and

Bay Ridge Parkway as the boy rode his bike past his car.

Police said the boy was riding his bike with a friend around 9:20 a.m. on Sept. 20 when at the noted location, the unknown man stopped his car, opened his trunk, and retrieved a red Club.

As the boy passed, the man hit him in the head. His friend fled the scene.

Gang of 4

A 20-year-old man was attacked from behind by four thugs around 1:40 a.m. on Sept. 20 while walking on 84th Street toward Fort Hamilton Parkway.

The victim reported that the four unknown men approached him and one told him to be quiet while another quickly placed him in a chokehold. While restrained, the other three men punched the man in his face. In the end, one handi snatched \$9 and two credit cards from the victim's pocket, and all four men fled northbound on 84th Street.

Body found in burning car

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

Police made a grisly discovery on a desolate Sunset Park street this week, when a woman's charred remains were found in the trunk of a burning car.

At around 4 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, firefighters were called to the industrial area to extinguish a fire that had erupted inside a 1988

Mazda left on 44th Street between Second and Third avenues.

Soon after the fire had been put out, an incinerated body was discovered in the trunk.

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I want to thank everyone who voted in the Democratic Primary election. By voting you helped to keep the democratic process strong.

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Gifford calls B'klyn key to city's future

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

Asked what he hoped to hear from Gifford Miller, shortly before the speaker of the City Council took the stage to address the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Borough President Marty Markowitz said, "That New York City begins in Brooklyn."

He must not have been disappointed. "We ought to take everything out of Manhattan and give it to Brooklyn," Miller quipped in his address. Though his overstated jest may have been targeted to the audience, the 200 or so in attendance could not have been displeased with Miller's more literal announcements.

The speaker unveiled plans to convene a small business summit before the City Council on Dec. 2 to "assemble decision makers and draft a master policy plan that will protect and promote small businesses for years to come."

Estimating that between 96 and 98 percent of the city's businesses are companies of fewer than 50 employees, Miller said, "Our mission will be to draft a policy plan to improve the city's climate for small businesses."

"How will we do this?" By looking at myriad issues that will help shape the small-business community, from marketing to tax policy to government

regulations to quality-of-life issues and making recommendations to implement citywide.

Offering some local praise, Miller added, "Coney Island is enjoying a renaissance, Fort Greene's real estate market is booming and Smith Street boasts the hottest restaurant scene in the city, and by extension, perhaps even the world. The city must put its energy into continuing these impressive trends."

The planning for the summit has been assisted by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

"I think the summit will be helpful if we generate a lot of participation from the Brooklyn business community because there are a lot of serious issues," said Chamber President Ken Adams.

Adding that a great deal of what benefits businesses comes from the mayor's administration through the city Economic Development Corporation and the Department of Business Services, he said the summit will offer businesses a chance to vocalize their regard for existing policies.

Perhaps even more important will be the summit's inclusion of the council in small-business concerns, especially since issues of zoning, land use and the establishment of business improvement districts tend to directly involve the City Council, Adams said.

"Here's a chance to try and craft an agenda from the council side," he said.



City Council Speaker Gifford Miller addresses the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's annual luncheon at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Monday.

Miller began with words of gratitude to the chamber in the wake of Sept. 11. While discussing debilitating fiscal losses incurred in the private and public sectors from 9-11, he lauded the chamber's efforts to create a space and furniture bank for displaced businesses. "You've kept Brooklyn rolling," he said of the chamber. "And when Brooklyn rolls, the city rolls."

Bricks rain down on Water St.

Jogger barely escapes with her life

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

The brick-and-mortar shell of a three-story building on Water Street at Old Fulton Street came tumbling down Sept. 18, raining bricks, rattling steel scaffolding and nearly killing a neighborhood activist and two construction workers.

Monique Denoncin, president of the Vinegar Hill Association, was jogging past 4 Water St., right next door to the Pete's Downtown restaurant, at around 11:20 am when the building gave way. She said she was only about 10 yards out from under the scaffolding when she heard the deafening crash. Denoncin said for years, she had seen the brick shell decay and worried that someday it might topple.

"I knew this was going to happen because the scaffolding looked so fragile and the mortar looked pulverized by the weather," she said.

What she did not foresee,

however, was being only feet from the building at the time of the collapse.

Denoncin said shortly after jogging past the scaffolding, she "heard a thunderous collapse" and an enormous cloud of reddish brick dust. Still stunned by the collapse she then saw two athen workers emerge from the site covered in dust.

Firefighters responded to a call of two people trapped in the debris, according to a Fire Department spokesman, who said the rescue was successful and no one suffered serious injuries, although one firefighter was taken to Long Island College Hospital with minor injuries to his leg.

Construction had been underway on 4 Water St., with

plans approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, for its rehabilitation into a mixed-use property with 13 condominium units and ground-floor retail space.

According to Clement Ezech, a spokesman for 4 Water Street LLC, the company developing the building, the construction workers were removing loose bricks when the entire structure toppled.

"Portions of the brick were being removed and it just gave," he said.

According to the city Department of Buildings, violations were issued against 4 Water Street LLC after the collapse for demolition without a permit and failure to carry out demolition in a safe or proper manner.

Ezech said the building and scaffolding were currently being stabilized and was uncertain of exactly when the building would be completed. For Denoncin, the issue, however, was only a near miss from being a greater calamity, with not only her own safety in jeopardy but that of any other passing pedestrian.

Calling the site "very dangerous and irresponsible," he added, "It could have turned out to be a really horrible catastrophe."



The collapsed wall at the construction site on Water Street at Old Fulton Street.

Y tells how to end child abuse

State Sen. Carl Andrews holds 'Awareness Day'

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

With child abduction cases making news around the country, and a rash of cases in Brooklyn Heights making headlines locally, state Sen. Carl Andrews is holding a Children's Awareness Day this weekend to educate children and equip parents to combat kidnapping.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Prospect Park YMCA, on Ninth Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, from 10 am to 2 pm, parents are invited to bring their children for a workshop intended to educate them in the methods of kidnappers and to create an identification kit that could be used in the case of their disappearance.

"We as a society have to stay vigilant and alert," Andrews told The Brooklyn Papers.

The workshop is an initiative of the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association called Safety Means Abduction Registration Training or the SMART Program.

In addition to educating children about the devices employed by kidnappers, parents can obtain free identification kits so in case of abduction a child's photo can be circulated among law enforcement agencies right away. The kit includes a child's statistics, such as height, weight

and distinguishing characteristics, to be filled out by parents, and a digital photograph.

The kit is not kept in any database, said association spokesman Deny Fitzpatrick, and is only intended for parents to fax to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in case of a disappearance.

Fitzpatrick said the quality and resolution of the photographs are such that they do not

suffer major deterioration in quality, even when faxed.

"It is important to note that New York State is taking steps to ensure that our children stay safe," said Andrews, whose district includes Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Prospect Heights and parts of Sunset Park.

"One of the most critical steps is the new AMBER [America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response] Alert

Plan, in which law enforcement agencies team up with local broadcasters to alert communities when a child is kidnapped."

Brooklyn Heights and surrounding brownstone communities had been the scene of a rash of recent kidnapping attempts, almost all of which are believed to have been perpetrated at the hands of one woman, named Tara Ann McDonald, who is currently in police custody pending trial.

Corrections

With The Brooklyn Papers' Sept. 16 article headlined, "Arabs, peaceniks say 'War no more,'" we inadvertently placed a photograph that was not related to the article.

The report covered a peace march on Sept. 10. But the photo (shown here) was of Afrah Yusuf, whose name we misspelled, who was taking part in a different event — a silent vigil and interfaith prayer service on Sept. 11.

Last week's article headlined "They're No Angels" incorrectly stated that the district leadership of the 51st Assembly District would be decided in the general election. That seat was won in the primary by George Martinez.

Regarding the article "Views of BAM-land," the next Concerned Citizens Coalition meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 pm, at the Brooklyn Music School, 126 St. Felix St.



Row over Papers' 'Heights Arab' story

Several readers have called or written to The Brooklyn Papers complaining about last week's Page 1 story, "Arabs in Heights rip cops." We will publish critiques of our coverage, as well as our response, next week.

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Crash! Heights punks

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Paper

Police tailing a trio of young robbery suspects in Brooklyn Heights got a startling surprise Saturday as they literally bumped into the officers' cars fleeing from their latest misdeed.

Police were following three teens suspected of about half a dozen robberies over a two-week period.

As they followed the suspects, they briefly lost sight of them around 8:10 p.m. on Sept. 21, and then heard cries for help from the corner of Cranberry and Willow streets.

As the officers raced to the intersection on foot, they bumped into one of the suspects fleeing the scene. As one cop held the suspect, a second officer chased down one of his alleged accomplices. A third was later taken into custody.

According to police, the three boys had attacked a 45-year-old man on the corner of Cranberry and Willow streets, throwing him to the ground.

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and attempting to wrestle away his property.

A witness called for help and the officers came to the man's aid.

The boys, ages 13, 14 and 16, have been charged with one count of robbery, although a connection to other incidents in the area is being investigated.

Roaming charge
Two men ended up with the wrong kind of cells, after allegedly trying to take off with a pair of wireless phones from a Brooklyn Heights electronics shop.

On Sept. 21, a cashier told police the two suspects entered the shop on Montague Street between Hicks and Henry streets, at around 4 p.m., grabbed two cell phones off the counter and ran out of the store.

The 24-year-old employee chased the men but they eventually got away.

Shortly after, however, police caught one 25-year-old and one 26-year-old suspect nearby.

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Senior left for dead by three

By Heather J. Wilson
The Brooklyn Paper

A 68-year-old man remained in critical condition at Lutheran Medical Center Wednesday after being brutally beaten by three young men in the parking lot of a Sunset Park restaurant on Sept. 23.

The victim, a retired restaurant manager from Sheepshead Bay, was attacked in the parking lot of King Seaford Palace at 618 62nd St. around noon.

Witnesses told police that three Asian men in their late teens or early 20s approached the victim, punched him to the ground and proceeded to smash his head into the pavement before fleeing east on 67th Street.

The victim was taken by ambulance to Lutheran Medical Center where he underwent surgery for head trauma.

Police said the incident is still under investigation. Nothing appeared to be stolen from the victim.

PUSSY CAT...

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Pink Pussy Cat Boutique, with three locations in Florida and Manhattan, opened its fourth in Park Slope over the summer, on Fifth Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets, directly across the street from Middle School 51.

On Tuesday, the store opened, residents and officials complained to the Department of Buildings and the Department of City Planning, to see if a sexually oriented novelty shop could legally operate near a school.

On Tuesday, the Buildings Department, which inspected the Pink Pussy Cat on Sept. 18, said the store was in compliance with the law.

"I think Pussy Cat does not meet the criteria for 'adult establishment,'" said Ilyse Kink, a Buildings Department spokeswoman.

The city's 60-40 zoning regulation dictates that if 60 percent of a store's merchandise is not adult related the business does not qualify as an adult establishment. Because much of the Pink Pussy Cat's stock is in underwear, exotic oils and body paints, it did not count against the business.

"Novelty items are not considered 'adult' under the zoning regulations and therefore don't go towards the count of the stock in the store," Kink said.

While the law determined to be legal by the letter of the law, elected officials have not dropped their case against the enterprise.

"It's outrageous and a very big mistake on the part of the owner to locate a sex shop across the street from the middle school," said Park Slope Councilman Bill DeBlasio.

The business has so far tried to strike a compromise by organizing its hours after the students' lunch break. The store also took down its exterior, with a black velvet drape blocking most of the view into the store and a buzzer on the door to monitor who enters.

Store manager Laura Wilson said last week that the store had toned down its appearance so as not to upset concerned parents. "We're a lot more tame than the Manhattan store," she said. "Because of the school across the street we didn't want it to be blatant."

School officials and elected officials, however, have challenged the propriety of having a sex shop across the street from a school full of 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds.

"If there's not legal grounds for action," DeBlasio said, "I'll arrange a meeting between parents and school officials and the store owner to seek other solutions including the voluntary relocation of the store or perhaps some fundamental change in their approach to business."

DIGITAL...

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digital cameras at the urging of the DA, who solicited them in order to help curb domestic violence.

Dr. Gil Winnik, director of the pediatric emergency room and the associate director of the emergency department at Maimonides Medical Center, said faster and better photos of abuse victims' injuries will in fact help medical staff work more efficiently with law enforcement personnel.

"We have been focusing on issues of domestic violence more and more in the last few years and incidents have been increasing and those also link to child abuse," Winnik said. "It is a big issue now for us. In order to support law enforcement, a good documentation of the physical findings of the abuse is important in both cases—child and spousal abuse."

Winnik said that up till now, Maimonides used a Polaroid camera. "Which did not work very good technically and the pictures took a while to transfer to law enforcement."

The digital camera, Winnik added, is an improvement for the simple fact that it cannot run out of film and the quality of a picture taken can be determined on the spot.

"Also, we can transfer the pictures to law enforcement or to the courts over the Web. We are working out a system for that now," Winnik said. "We're very excited about this."

Maimonides Hospital spokesman Peter Griffin said the medical center also used a Polaroid camera to document domestic and child abuse cases before receiving the digital camera. As at Maimonides, Griffin said police would generally pick up the Polaroid snapshots from Brooklyn Hospital.

Griffin said the new technology would allow the DA's office and police to submit the photos as evidence just hours after an attack. The time saving could be crucial in cases where a battered woman or child needs to be protected from an abuser.



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The Brooklyn Papers

Dealing with bullies

Q: "My son got punched around during the last school year, sixth grade. He was bullied several times. I've talked to the superintendent of schools but I've gotten nowhere." — a mother

A: This mother has a bag full of who-what-when-where notes about how her 12-year-old son was bullied in sixth grade and what she tried to do about it. So far in seventh grade, she's relieved there are no new enemies.

The difference this year: Not mom or metal detectors, but a social shield that makes him less of a target — a circle of new friends, backed by a more solid school policy against harassment.

Bullying behavior by girls as well as boys — not just physical aggression but threats, teasing, name-calling and social ridicule — reaches its peak in middle school as kids struggle to fit in, then tapers off in high school, research shows.

If your child comes home crying, it's only natural to want to spring into action. What to do without overdoing it? Sort out whether your child is hurt by normal peer squabbles or more serious rejection day after day, experts say. Then work on two levels, with your child and the school.

"The most effective deterrent against a bully is having friends," says psychologist Michael Thompson, PhD, co-author of

Parent-to-Parent

By Betsy Flagler



"Mom, They're Teasing Me" and "Best Friends, Worst Enemies," both published by Balantine Books. "With a friend, you can laugh about an insult and sling it off. Without a friend, you carry it around all day."

In the middle-school social game — "Who will be my friend, who will we exclude?" — most kids play and get hurt but bounce back. A deeper concern, Thompson says: About 20 percent of students are rejected day after day and feel isolated. Unable to make and keep friends, they're at risk for being traumatized by how they're treated — or overlooked — in school.

"For too many children, bullies to school means back to bullies," says Glenn Stutzky, a

school violence specialist who helps parents, teachers and kids "bully-proof" schools. "Bullies have a radar. In the first four to six weeks of school, that radar sweeps the school and lights up potential targets."

How a child first reacts to taunting — tears or chuckles? — and how peers, parents and teachers intervene — too early or too late? — will influence whether a bully gains a foothold for the year or searches for his other target.

One mother discovered the more upset her sixth-grade son got, the more he was a target of bullying. His grades dropped. As other kids noticed mom stepping in, the taunting got worse. The child required counseling and an antidepressant.

"Bullying is all about power," says Stutzky. "If the bully can't obtain power over you, he or she will move on."

The problem of bullying isn't limited to a few aggressive boys, and the scope of the long-term solution is broad, several psychologists and researchers say.

Students, teachers, administrators and parents all have to get involved to change the social environment of the school, not just kick a few rotten kids out.

To help "bully-proof" your child, Stutzky suggests, work to build his self-confidence and brainstorm strategies to diffuse tense situations.

Depending on a child's temperament, some kids can learn to be assertive, look a bully in the eye and say, "Stop doing that." Others are able to use humor, or choose a different path to a class to avoid a bully.

When parents think it's time to intervene, Stutzky advises starting by meeting with the person at school closest to the problem, probably a teacher or guidance counselor. Share your concerns and develop a written plan with the school to address the situation. As necessary, systematically work your way up the chain of command.

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Lopez Torres claims to have fallen from county's grace for refusing to hire a legal secretary referred to her by Norman, and in another instance from Bushwick Assemblyman Vito Lopez, who is not related to the judge.

Both officials denied the allegation, and Norman has attributed their differences to an incident in 1997 when Lopez Torres allowed her name to be placed for nomination to the Supreme Court by a rival party faction led by the late Assemblyman Anthony Genovese.

Subsequently, Lopez Torres was not endorsed or supported by the county executive committee for re-election to her Civil Court judgeship despite enjoying the status of incumbent. She won re-election in a contested primary election on Sept. 10. Along with Judge Dolores Thomas, she topped County's choices for civil court in the primary.

Norman did not return calls for comment by press time and Karp declined to discuss the letter.

Jeffrey Feldman, the executive director of the Kings County Democratic Committee, said this week that he had no recollection of receiving a letter from Lopez Torres in the past year requesting an appointment.

He said he did recall receiving a request around two years ago, but as for recently, he said, "Not to my knowledge."

Candidates have to apply to County to get an application to go before the screening committee, Feldman said.

Asked whether that made County a gatekeeper with respect to judicial appointments, Feldman answered, "To the extent that one needs to apply to the party in order to obtain [an application] and be referred to the screening panel then it's a fair notion."

The screening panel, comprised of members chosen by the county leaders of both Brooklyn and Staten Island, met with more than 40 applicants this year, he added.

However, the letter to Lopez Torres, as well as the fact that applicants have to go through the County leader to get to the screening committee, highlights the party's role as arbiter over who is considered for the powerful and well-paying Supreme Court judgeships.

All five of the county committee's endorsed candidates for Supreme Court were nominated on Thursday, Sept. 19, though not without some dissension.

On Thursday, Lopez Torres was nominated from the floor by Paul Bader, a Carroll Gardens activist, husband of Rep. Nydia Velázquez, and a judicial delegate from the 52nd Assembly District, against Judge Leon Ruchelmann, one of county's five selected candidates on Thursday.

Lopez Torres lost a roll call vote among the delegates by a count of 66 to 24 with four abstentions that left lingering resentments.

"It's a sham of a judicial selection process, which is totally unwelcome to anyone that is not suggested by the county leader," said Bader, a former candidate for City Council.

"There are many, many bad aspects to this process but clearly it doesn't encourage people who have the qualifications to apply to the screening committee for judgeship," Bader added. "And they use it to penalize as they did in Judge Lopez Torres' case."

It was the second year in a row that County's choices for the civil court have fared badly. Eileen Nachson and Peter Sweeney both beat county's candidates to the bench last year.

County's choices for Supreme Court have remained untouchable. County's grip on the judiciary has created some strife even among its own body, according to Fort Greene Councilman James Davis, the male district leader of the 57th AD, who is a staunch political nemesis of Norman's.

"[District leaders] are venting about the fact that they have judges and their judges didn't have an opportunity to go before the screening committee," Davis said. "There is a lot of pressure to change the process and stop the backdoor dealing."

For the time being, however, Norman's leadership is secure. Norman was re-elected this week as County leader with only Davis and Liz Daly, female district leader from the 52nd AD, voting against his re-election.

Alan Fleishman, the newly elected male district leader of the 52nd AD, abstained.

Referring to a slew of judicial misconduct and one notorious bribery case involving Brooklyn Supreme Court judges this year, Bader protested that the committee should have been particularly painstaking in its selection of jurors.

"Of all times, I think there was a message that was sent by the courts and by the investigations ... that it was incumbent upon us that we pick the best judges for the court," Bader said.

In December, the Commission on Judicial Appointments released its findings that between 1995 and 1999, an extravagant percentage of lucrative retainers in Kings County were given to attorneys connected to the Kings County Democratic Committee.

Widely published reports have also alleged that half a dozen of Brooklyn's Supreme Court judges are under investigation, several have been reassigned after censures and one judge was recommended for removal from the bench by the state Commission on Judicial Conduct.

By far the most explosive case erupted in January, after Judge Victor Barron was indicted for soliciting a \$115,000 bribe from an attorney to sign off on a \$4.5-million settlement in a personal injury lawsuit involving a minor. Barron pleaded guilty in exchange for a recommended sentence of three to nine years in prison.

After Norman was questioned about the state of the judiciary on Brooklyn's judiciary, he told the Daily News, "Why blame it on the Brooklyn Democratic Party when you talk about a person charged with a breach of ethics or integrity?"

And while the Karp letter to Lopez Torres has raised eyebrows, it is not a violation of election law.

"It's not a disciplinary issue," said Henry Berger, chairman of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct. "Judges are elected politically and the politicians have their process and there's nothing that says they can't do it."

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By Tom Hays

Associated Press
A disgraced ex-cop is headed back to prison after admitting he lied about the 1997 sexual assault on Haitian immigrant Arlene Louima.

Schwarz was convicted of perjury in July, although the jury decided on the more serious charge that the officer violated Louima's civil rights following the innocent man's 1997 arrest. And in the two previous trials, Schwarz was convicted of violating Louima's rights and of conspiring to cover up the crime. The convictions were overturned by a federal appeals court that ordered the third trial. "I'm glad it's finally over," Louima told reporters outside the court Saturday. "Now I can move on with my life... now it's time to start the healing process."

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"Fine," retorted Brooklyn Heights-Downtown Brooklyn Councilman David Yassky. "It's not a prison, but even in a home, every home has rules that children are expected to live by... If I can't control the behavior of my kids the city takes them away and the city has to be held to the same standard."

Yassky and Assemblywoman Joan Millman have urged that the center be shut down, claiming that it is poorly run and a hazard to its neighbors and those under its charge.

In October 2000, the center became the subject of considerable infamy after a 15-year-old boy living at the facility was tortured over a period of several hours by four other residents. The boys beat him with a broken chair, scalded him with a hot beaker, and forced undressed undergarments into his mouth.

Two of the boys who were arrested for the assault had been arrested several weeks prior to the incident after allegedly robbing subway passengers with a box cutter at the Borough Hall station.

Last year, another resident of the center was arrested for stabbing another boy in a dispute. "We'll be meeting with ACS again in the next couple of weeks," Yassky said. "And at that point we're going to go over all of this very aggressively."

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Water world

New York Aquarium gala has more sting than most

By Lisa J. Curtis
The Brooklyn Papers

On Thursday, attendees of the New York Aquarium's Dinner by the Sea gala enjoyed a balmy evening as they watched walrus feedings, honored conservationists and guiltily ate delicious seafood appetizers.

The fundraiser was especially important to the aquarium, according to Susann Holloway, the Aquarium's associate manager of events marketing, as last year's gala was canceled because of Sept. 11.

At Thursday's fundraiser, \$196,180 was raised. The funds will go towards supporting the education and aquatic research programs run by the aquarium, located at West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island.

The evening began with cocktails

served outside among the Sea Cliffs, a recreation of a rocky Pacific coastline, and continued with dinner inside the Seaside Pavilion, adjacent to the "Alien Stingers" hall.

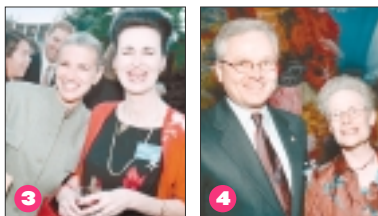
Distinguished leadership awards were presented to Wildlife Conservation Society Trustee **Brian Heidtke** and his wife, **Darlene Heidtke**, to **Alan Fishman**, president and CEO of Independence Community Bank and president of the Independence Community Foundation (who gushed to the crowd: "Isn't the [Alien Stingers] exhibit fabulous? Really fabulous?"), and to Wildlife Conservation Society patron **Denise Sobel** and **Norman Keller** of Breezy Point.

The awarders were chosen for their support of "Alien Stingers," a dreamy exhibit of jellyfish, corals and anemones that opens on Sept. 27.

The Aquarium's Conservation Award was presented to **Joshua Reichert**, who accepted on behalf of the 2-year-old international ocean advocacy organization, Oceana, based in Washington, D.C. Oceana was honored for its work towards ending destructive fishing practices and reducing ocean pollution.

Reichert used his time at the microphone to sound an alarm.

"Coral reef systems, which harbor a phenomenal amount of life, are in decline throughout the world and many shallow-water reefs are expected to be dead within the next two to



Above the Boardwalk: (1) At the Dinner by the Sea gala at Coney Island's New York Aquarium, tables were brightened by fanciful jellyfish centerpieces made by Main Street Florist of Huntington, Long Island. (2) Gala award recipients **Norman Keller** and **Denise Sobel**. (3) **Jamie Snow Markowitz**, wife of Borough President **Marty Markowitz**, and **Bonnie Boyle**, wife of Aquarium Director **Dr. Paul Boyle**. (4) **Dr. Steven Sanderson**, president and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society, with Assemblywoman **Adele Cohen**. (5) It wasn't just feeding time for the humans at the Dinner by the Sea as this walrus enjoyed supper, too.

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three decades if water temperatures continue to rise," said Reichert. "[Humans] are rapidly destroying life in the sea."

Reichert praised the Wildlife Conservation Society, which operates the New York Aquarium, as well as the Bronx, Prospect Park, Central Park and Queens zoos.

"The society has remained committed to making a difference rather than simply making a statement, an approach which happily distinguishes it from a number of its peers," said Reichert. "While this way of doing business may not always produce newspaper stories, it has earned you the respect of conservation professionals all over the world for your integrity and your dedication to actually producing tangible results on the ground."

While the aquarium does great work, it can be dangerous work for the keepers.

While handling the Lion's Mane jellyfish in the "Alien Stingers" exhibit, jellyfish aquarist **Amy Messbauer** revealed the stings she received on her arm to GO Brooklyn. However, the intrepid marine keeper dismissed the pain.

"I enjoy the challenge of culturing and breeding them," she said. "They're so beautiful, they look like lava lamps."

Brooklyn Borough President **Marty Markowitz** received a warm welcome while bestowing his proclamations. Other attendees included Assemblywoman **Adele Cohen** and Mrs. Brooklyn, **Jamie Snow Markowitz**.

Catered by Glen Cove, Long Island-based **Elegant Affairs**, the dinner included a salad served with a scrumptious beggar's purse (fashioned out of a crepe) that

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MUSIC

Game show

Williamsburg's Combustive Motor Corporation (CMC) has another hit on its hands. The run of its current production, "Bingo," ("a music and gaming adventure") has been extended through Sept. 29 due to popular demand, according to CMC's Caleb Scott.



Clint Magnet and the Bingo band hail from New Orleans where they have been performing a sold-out show for the last five years at Fiorella's, a former brothel-gambling hall in the French quarter. Magnet is joined by violinist **Brynn Savage**, bassist **Steve Calandina**, drummer **Ryan Farris** and an ensemble including **Heather Solis**, **Ronnie Numbers**, **Six the Clown** (pictured) and **Mack**.

"Bingo" continues at Combustive Arts [250 Varet St. between Bogart and White streets] from Sept. 26-29 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (718) 390-8825.

— Lisa J. Curtis

THEATER

Tuneful tribute

'Brooklyn Revue' takes a trip down the borough's very musical memory lanes

By Paulanne Simmons
for The Brooklyn Papers

Where's the music capital of the United States? Is it Nashville? Nah! Is it Detroit? Don't be silly! Is it Hollywood? Ha! It's Brooklyn, of course, the birthplace of lyricists and composers like **George Gershwin**, **Betty Comden** and **Jack Lawrence**.

The Ryan Repertory Company at the Harry Warren Theatre is saluting these talented men and women with "The Brooklyn Revue," a tuneful tribute conceived and written by **Chuck Reichenthal**.

From the very first number, "Hang My Hat in Brooklyn," to the finale, "Strike Up the Band," it's clear this is a work of great love. Indeed, **Reichenthal** was not only born in Brooklyn but has also spent much of his life promoting the borough.

Reichenthal is an actor and author whose works include "Hit Tunes From Flop Shows," "Those Glorious Hollywood Musicals" and "Welcome Home, Harry ... Who?" He is also the co-founder of the Brooklyn Arts Council and district manager of Community Board 13, which includes Coney Island and Brighton Beach.

"The Brooklyn Revue" was originally written for a professional playwrights' series at his alma mater, Brooklyn College. **Reichenthal** has gathered some of the best songs to come out of the borough and added a little sparkle and schmaltz. The result is theatrical magic. Songs are grouped by artists (**George Gershwin**, **Betty Comden**, **Arthur Schwartz**) or categories (**Oscar winners**, number one songs on the radio show "Make-believe Ballroom," and songs of the '60s).

But that's not all. **Reichenthal** has cleverly integrated short tributes to composers and lyricists: a wacky switchboard operator scene; imagined dialogues between such luminaries as composer **Harry Warren** (for whom the theater was named) and choreographer and set designer **Busby Berkeley**; and between **Comden** and **Louis B. Mayer**; and a delightful monologue by that goddess of gussy lust herself, **Mae West**.

Stringing together 62 songs, even with the best of writing, is no easy task. Kudos to director **Barbara Parisi**, choreographers **James Martinelli** and **John Sannuto**, and musical director and pianist **Lalan Parrot** for the seamless transitions from song to song and scene to scene.

Martinelli and **Sannuto** have accomplished the difficult task of creating lovely and lively dances well suited to a tiny stage — ballet, jazz, ensemble and solo pieces. And **Parrot**, with the help of **Chuck Sachs** and **Jonathan Rosenblum** (both of whom previously worked on some of the songs), has put together engaging solos, duos, trios and ensemble numbers.

The revue is performed by eight talented entertainers who sing, dance, act and appear to be having as good a time as the audience — **Staci Anne Jacobs**, **Kristine Louis**, **Stuart Marshall**, **James Martinelli**, **Jennifer Mielke**, **Jim Speake**, **Anthony Tolve** and **Maggie Wise**. They belt and croon, woo and wow, clown and caper.

Costume designers **Lauren Lowrie** and **Barbara Parisi** have pulled out all the stops, dressing the men in tuxes, tails, straw hats and bow ties, and the women in long, billowing turn-of-the-century dresses and bonnets and decollete evening dresses and stoles.

The revue overflows with nostalgia. There are songs we remember, songs our parents will remember and even a few only our grandparents might recall. Sometimes the review seems to take us from childhood through the teenage years to adulthood with songs like **Fred Coots** and **Henry Gillespie's** "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," **Comden** and **Adolph Green's** "Captain Hook," **Neil Sedaka's** "Where the Boys

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Scientific method

Director and co-librettist Mary Zimmerman recalls the making of 'Galileo'

By Kevin Filipksi
For The Brooklyn Papers

"It's brief, but it seems right. I love that as a form," says Mary Zimmerman, discussing the single, 90-minute act of the new Philip Glass opera, "Galileo Galilei," which she directed and for which she served as co-librettist.

Zimmerman is talking about the opera that will open the Brooklyn Academy of Music's 20th "Next Wave Festival" on Oct. 1 with four performances at the Howard Gilman Opera House.

"It's the only way I've ever worked," she says in a telephone interview from her home in Chicago, where she is a member of the Chicago Opera House, which she is a member of the Chicago Opera House, which she is a member of the Chicago Opera House.

"When I started directing in school, I was making non-narrative pieces with a group," she said. "When I started working with text—adaptation and literature have always been my thing—I made the text for the actors whom I've cast."

"Metamorphoses," her one-act adaptation of Ovid's mythic tales, won her a Best Director Tony in June and it is still running on Broadway. After playing in Chicago, Seattle, off- and now on Broadway over the past couple years, it still stars many of the original cast.

Brooklyn audiences are familiar with Zimmerman's work: her adaptations of "The Notebook for Anna and Ivan" and "The Arabian Nights" played BAM several years ago. But although the staging of Glass' new opera is very recognizable as a Mary Zimmerman piece, its



Lady in demand: Riding high on her success with "Metamorphoses" on Broadway, Mary Zimmerman returns to BAM as director and co-librettist of Philip Glass' new opera "Galileo Galilei."

genesis was antithetical to her usual way of working. "It was really an adventure, because I'm still working the same way—I create plays without a script in advance," she says. "So it was very new for me to write the opera's text in advance—Philip [Glass] would not begin writing the music until he had a full libretto. But, because of various delays, I didn't hear a note of the music until the first day of rehearsal, so in a weird way, I ended up working on [this opera] as



Star struck: At the court of Pisa, young Galileo (Eugene Perry) presents his invention, the telescope, to Archduchess Maria Madeleine (Sarah Shepherd), the Grand Duchess Madama Christina (Mary Wilson) and Marie de Medici (Alicia Bernache) in this scene from "Galileo Galilei."

I usually do."

How did Zimmerman become involved with Glass? "When I did his opera 'Akhnaten' in Boston, I got to meet him and we hit it off extremely well," she says. "It was sort of a secret plan of mine to get to make something with him from scratch. That was why I decided to do 'Akhnaten'—so I could get to meet him. I normally do my own scripts, but I wanted to work with him."

"Later on, he was in Chicago, and he said, 'You and I should do something together.' He had five ideas for things, and the first was Galileo. After hearing that, I don't remember what the other four were! I had done 'Leonardo' before—I like old-time scientists—and I thought it would be a romantic idea for an opera."

"I originally brought 17 possible scenes in, and we [Zimmerman, Glass and co-librettist Arnold Weinstein] knew we were going to go

THEATER

"Galileo Galilei" plays at the BAM Opera House (30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place) Oct. 1 and Oct. 3-5 and 7-30 pm. Tickets are \$25, \$40 and \$60. A BAM Dialogue with Mary Zimmerman and Philip Glass will take place Oct. 1 at 6 pm at the BAM Rose Cinema. For more information, visit the Web site at www.bam.org or call (718) 636-4100.

backwards through his life," she explains. "We wrote the scenes down, shuffled them around and thought about how it all would make sense dramatically. It was one of the more difficult aesthetic problems I've ever had, but it was also one of the most exciting. In the end, Arnold and I have very different tastes and ideas, and I ended up doing a libretto by myself."

Even though "Galileo Galilei" un-

conventionally explores its extraordinary protagonist's life—the 17th-century heresy conviction for using a telescope to support Copernicus' theory that the Earth revolves around the sun triggers a backwards exploration of his amazing life, ending with Galileo as an infant—Zimmerman doesn't feel that it will unnecessarily confuse audiences.

"All you really need to know is that he had big trouble with the Church," the director insists. "He had to recant and he invented the telescope—that's all you need to get into the piece."

Apparently, that's what happened at Chicago's Goodman Theatre, where "Galileo" had its world premiere this summer. By all accounts, critics and audiences were satisfied. "It was received extremely well by the audience, and it was very well reviewed," Zimmerman says, and then adds, "but I don't read reviews."

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An ocean of flavor available at Sushi Time in the Heights

By Tina Barry
for The Brooklyn Papers

Pearing into the window of Sushi Time in Brooklyn Heights, I observed two couples eating in a dining room so brightly lit that it made department store lighting look romantic. Strands of white Christmas lights hung in the window; a fish tank bubbled away in the corner; the wooden tables had a good inch of shellac.

Inviting it wasn't. The ambience and, once inside, the music — an ongoing taped medley of popular tunes (if the theme from "The Titanic" is a favorite of yours, you'll be pleased) — playing on what sounded like a Japanese music box, may explain why this place isn't packing in diners.

Then again, it's always a good policy not to judge by appearances.

That axiom is especially true for restaurants, where the worst drives can have great food and vice versa. While Sushi Time, opened six months ago, is hardly a dive, its sterile appearance can be off-putting. I chose a spot near the window and watched as several would-be customers perused the menu, glanced in and then walked away.

That's too bad, because once a diner settles down to a meal there, they'll enjoy stellar versions of Japanese classics. And if you allow the manager, George Duan, to make a few suggestions from the sushi bar, you'll travel to a world of taste that few American palates have a nutty, mellow.

In the back of the restaurant, barely visible from the front window, is the sushi bar. Behind the counter is an array of fish, delivered daily, that are so fresh they glisten. Two chefs, Andy Lin and Li Quing, perform a graceful act. Working side-by-side, they expertly cut the fish into perfectly sliced and drape them over perfectly steamed

rice or create platters of sashimi (slices of raw fish) that are truly art on a plate.

Besides traditional tempura, bento boxes and teriyakis (meat or fish marinated in soy sauce, sugar and seasonings and then grilled on a skewer), Sushi Time offers an all-you-can-eat meal. For \$18.99, one diner can eat as many pieces of sushi as they desire. There are a couple of caveats to this offer: an all-you-can-eat customer cannot share their sushi with a non-all-you-can-eat customer. So, if two of you planned to eat 40 pieces of sushi for \$18.99, it's not going to happen. And if you thought you'd order 20 pieces for yourself and only eat 10, you'll be charged a la carte for each left over piece.

The sushi offer is a good deal. Each piece I sampled smelled sweet, like a perfectly fresh piece of fish. The shrimp was firm, as was firmly textured yet velvety. Tuna, mackerel and salmon each tasted rich and clean of their own distinct flavors. The shrimp in the shrimp sushi was very briefly blanched and almost sweet. The not-too-salty

smoked salmon sushi tasted like the best I've ever had; the eel sushi was beefy tasting; and the Tobiko, or flying fish roe, burst like tiny beads of seawater in my mouth.

Hand rolls are included in the sushi offer, but after 10 pieces of sushi, I was too full to give them a try. With your sushi you'll receive a bowl of miso soup that has all the restorative powers a good bowl of soup should have: a nutty, grain-like taste and can sometimes be salty. The miso soup at Sushi Time is not at all salty, just richly flavored, and the tiny cubes of tofu that float in the soup are silky.

One appetizer that I recommend, as may make its complex flavors as for its presentation, is the miso eggplant. The *avacurari*, a tartare of finely chopped raw fluke mixed with a highly



Ocean of flavor: At Sushi Time, in Brooklyn Heights, a sashimi deluxe plate (above) includes tuna, yellow tail, white tuna, salmon, fluke, mackerel, ginger and wasabi garnished with a white carrot. (At left) The chef's specialty, Tokyo uni, is a combination of sea urchin and quail egg.

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flower. Around the rose were mounds of deep orange salmon, tuna, pale gray mackerel, yellowtail (similar to pompano, named for its yellow tail fin), and that delectable smoked salmon.

One of the chef's specialties, not on the menu, is the Tokyo uni. In cold sake, served in a tiny, beautifully etched, blue and white glass, is uni, or sea urchin roe, and one small, raw quail egg. The aroma is funky, a little like seaweed that has baked in the sun, and a mouthful of this drink is like swallowing liquid suede. I threw it down my throat in one brave gulp. My eyes bugged out and I gasped. It's not a drink for the faint of heart, but the flavors that lingered in my mouth were delectable and impossible to describe.

Eating at Sushi Time is like jumping into the ocean. If you pause with your toes in the water, you'll get cold and head back to your chair. But if you take your sunglasses off and run right in it, you'll experience a moment of cold shock, then the pleasure of the water and the clean taste of the sea in your mouth.

DINING

Sushi Time (78 Clark St. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights) accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express. All you can eat sushi is \$18.99. Entree prices: \$4.95 for noodle soup to \$19.95 for sashimi deluxe. Open for lunch or more \$11.95-\$28.95. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. For more information, call (718) 625-9893.

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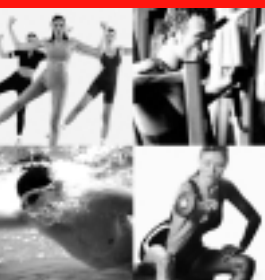
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OTHER
JEWISH HOLIDAY: Congregation B'nai Jacob hosts a Simchat Torah celebration. 11 am. All welcome. 401 Ninth St. (718) 965-9836.

MEETING: of Brooklyn Chapter of NYS Society for Clinical Social Work. Topic for discussion is "Reacting and Integrating." 9:11 a.m. \$10 fee for non-members. 11 am. 267 5th Ave. (718) 722-7144.

BASEBALL: by BUS: Brooklyn Historical Society tours Brooklyn sites where baseball history was made. \$10 includes bus transportation. 12:45 pm. Meet at steps of Borough Hall, Court Street between Montague and Jordan streets. (718) 222-4111.

READING SERIES: Soft Skull

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REVUE...

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Aze," Harry Chapin's "Cats in the Cuffs" and Neil Diamond's "You Don't Send Me Flowers."

Still other songs stand out because the performers have such the perfect note. Marshall delights with Bob Thompson's "Makin' Whoopies!" the song Eddie Cantor made famous. Marshall, Mielke and Jacobs dressed in bibs and bonnets are hilarious as they carol Arthur Schwartz's "Triplets." Tolve, Mielke, Speake, Louis, Wise, Marshall and Jacobs may ruse personal memories with the late Clark Gessner's "Happiness," a song that typified the longtime Brooklyn Heights resident. Martinelli is exceptional in the big-hearted way he sings and dances in Harry Warren and Johnny Mercer's "I Wanna Be a Dancin' Man." Louis touches the heart with George and Ira Gershwin's torch song "The Man I Love." Martinelli and the entire compa-

ny get everyone on their feet when they lead the audience in Jack Lawrence's "Round and Round."

You know you're a Brooklynite if you've ever gobbled a slice of Junior's cheesecake, screamed in terror on the Cyclone or curled up with a good book in the children's section of the Grand Army Plaza Library. But even if you've never done any of the above, if

THEATER

"The Brooklyn Revue" plays through Oct. 11, Fridays at 8 pm, Saturdays at 5 pm and 8 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 2-3 at 8 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 8-10 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20, Tuesday through Thursday; \$22 on Fridays, \$20 students and seniors; \$34 on Saturdays, \$20 students and seniors. For more information, call (718) 996-4800 or e-mail: nyrevue@info.com.

you've ever wondered where George Gershwin was born or how Betty Comden got her start, this is one show you won't want to miss.

Walt Whitman, the Brooklyn poet, once famously wrote, "I hear America singing." "The Brooklyn Revue" shows he could just as easily have said, "I hear Brooklyn singing."

CHITTER...

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was filled with borsini cheese, filet mignon and a sautéed potato garnished with a sea star cookie. While the dinner was expertly executed, the highlight of the evening was definitely the sneak peek at the "Allen Slinger" exhibit. Don't miss it.

Klub Kino

DUMBO resident and famed actor and dancer Ben Vereen served as master of ceremonies Aug. 28 at DUMBO Art Expo IV, held at the Kino restaurant and lounge on Main Street.

The Expo is a team of artists led by curator Jan Larsen. The monthly events include an art exhibit, live acts, a DUMBO Neighborhood Service Award and after-party with "mad DJ skills" — all for \$8 at the door. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds were donated to the DUMBO Neighborhood Association. (To date, Larsen says \$1,551 has been donated to DNA.)

Vereen, known for his work on television ("Roots") and Broadway ("Pippin" and "Jelly's Last Jam") has had a resurgence of fame on Broadway of late starring opposite Judd Hirsch in "I'm Not Rappaport." The Tony Award-winning entertainer will star in a one-man-show at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College on April 5.

The Art Expo returns to Kino on Oct. 3.



Using his Powers: Actor Michael York and pianist John Bell Young will perform a one-night-only concert to benefit Brooklyn Music School on Sept. 28.

Opera baby, yeah

Michael York, who plays the role of Basil Exposition in all three Austin Powers films, will be joined by pianist John Bell Young in resuscitating a quiet different production — the rarely performed "Enoch Arden" (which will be released on CD by Americus Records this month)

— at the Brooklyn Music School this weekend.

The British film star will perform Richard Strauss' melodramatic setting of Tennyson's poem at the school on Sept. 28 at 7:30 pm. The one-night-only concert is a benefit for the summer opera program at the school, located at 126 St. Felix St., adjacent to the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Tickets for "Enoch Arden" and a reception are \$50.

For tickets and more information, call (718) 638-5660.

Postponed party

The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, at 58 Seventh Ave., announced the postponement of its third annual gala, originally scheduled to take place on Sept. 30 at Manhattan's Laura Belle. The musical tribute to honor the director of the Boys Choir of Harlem, Walter Turnbull, with proceeds earmarked for the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music's Scholarship Fund, has been postponed until next spring. The slumping economy and scheduling conflicts were cited as reasons for the event's postponement by the Conservatory's Angela Harris.

The rescheduled fundraiser should be a memorable event as the conservatory's tribute to "Keeper of the Bo-Boys Flame" Barry Harris last year included a hilarious improvisation performance on piano by Bill Cosby.

For more information, or to make a donation to the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, call (718) 622-3300.

WHERE TO GO...

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Shortwave Frequency Reading Series presents Shannon Holman Phyllis Sharma, 2 pm, 71 Bond St. (718) 499-5872. Free.

Mon, Sept 30

ESL: Brooklyn Public Library, Windsor Terrace branch, offers a conversation group to those speaking other languages. 1 pm to 2 pm and 3 to 4 pm, 160 Fifth St. (718) 686-9707. Free.

FAMILIES FIRST Workshop: "To Nurse or Not to Nurse?" 5:15 to 8:30 pm, 250 Baltic St. (718) 237-1862.

FILM: St. Francis College, continues its Epic Film Series with "The Water for Chocolate." 3:15 pm, 180 Remsen St. (718) 689-5272. Free.

BOATING COURSE: Flotilla 11-02 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a 12-week boating safety course. Text and materials furnished, 7:30 pm, Royal Bennett Field, Ryan Center. Call for fee information, (718) 238-9187.

LECTURE: Congregation B'nai Maimonides hosts a "Bridging the Gap: Returning to Reality After the Holidays." 8 pm to 9 pm, 117 Remsen St. (718) 602-1827. Free.

GALAPAGOS ART SPACE: Upright Citizens Brigade Theater performs comedy. 8 pm, Also,

burlesque at 9:30 pm, Free, 70 North Sixth St. (718) 782-5188.

Tues, Oct 1

BROOKLYN MUSEUM OF ART: "BAM BAM BAM! Catching the Next Wave," opera. Visitors enter a viewing platform and see and hear video selections from the Next Wave Festival's most memorable performances. 5a, 10 am to 5 pm, 200 Eastern Parkway, (718) 638-5000.

TOODLER TIME: Brooklyn Public Library, Windsor Terrace branch, toy time for toddlers ages 2 to 3.5, 10:30 to 11 am, 160 Fifth St. (718) 686-9707. Free.

SUPPORT: Brooklyn Hospital Center offers a talk for cancer patients: "Understanding Feelings and Relationships." 2 to 3 pm, 121 Delia Ave. (718) 250-4709. Free.

LIBRARY EVENT: Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, presents author Elaine Tzeng Koren reading from her novel "The Girl on the Train." 6:30 pm, Grand Army Plaza, (718) 996-4800. Free.

AGING PARENT TALK: Heights and Hill Community Council offers "You and Your Aging Parent" series. Today: "Medical Issues: What's Normal, What's Not?" 6:30 to 8:30 pm, 160 Avenue C, (718) 596-8789. Free.

BARNES AND NOBLE: Author Betty Ryan-Della Corte discusses her book "Storm Within the Shelter." 7:30 pm, 207 Seventh Ave. (718) 832-9066. Free.

BRIC STUDIO: "Possible Fireworks" monthly series opens with guitarist Brandon Ross, live acts, a DUMBO Neighborhood Service Award and after-party with "mad DJ skills" — all for \$8 at the door. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds were donated to the DUMBO Neighborhood Association. (To date, Larsen says \$1,551 has been donated to DNA.)

BAM: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents the NY premiere of "Gallen Galle," a new opera created by Philip Glass and director Mary Zimmerman. 5a, 6 pm, Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. Also, Next Wave Festival opens with "Medea." 5a, 5a, 5:27, 7:30 pm, Harvey Theatre, 651 Fulton St. (718) 638-4111.

RYAN REP: presents "The Brooklyn Revue." 8 pm. See Fri., Oct. 4.

FILM: St. Francis College presents "Mambo Kings." Noon and 6 pm, 180 Remsen St. (718) 522-5272. Free.

SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR: Brooklyn Economic Development Corp. and the Bank of NY hosts a talk: "The Fundamentals of Small Business Financing." 6 to 8 pm, 175 Remsen St., suite 350, (718) 522-4600. Free.

WINE TASTING: A Perfect Setting hosts a tasting and talk about wines of South Africa and South America. \$40. Reservations necessary. 140 Atlantic Ave. (718) 222-1568.

BOY SCOUT RECRUITING: Troop 310 of Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst invites boys ages 11 and up to its open house. 7:30 pm, Post Chapel, Building 219, Fort Hamilton. (718) 967-3051.

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AUTHOR SERIES: Menasha Club presents Nathaniel Hutter reading from his work. 6:30 pm, Light refreshments served. 25 Eighth Ave. (718) 638-0000. Free.

BAM CAFE: Jeff Newell's New Trad Octet performs. No cover. 9 pm, \$10 food/drink minimum. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4100.

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